

Lake Station Newsletter

September 2009

Dear Residents,

I appreciate all the patience and cooperation that has been seen in our community with the garbage removal program, I understand that this is something new to all and it will take time to smooth out this process. As we progress in the City's garbage removal program there are just a few things that need to be clarified.

- Garbage pickup by the City of Lake Station started Aug. 17th due to the rising cost by Illiana the City of Lake Station decided to move up the start date to save the cost to the residents.
- Containers must be taken to the back of the yard or side of the house. Any residents that leave there containers curbside or in the front of the house will be cited by a code enforcement officer.
- Garbage outside of the new containers and/or not in a City container will not be picked up, as of Aug. 31st. We do not accept any other types of Carts or Able, Illiana, or Allied Carts. Additional Carts are available with the City of Lake Station.
- Make sure the arrow on top of the lid is pointed toward the street and the handle of the garbage cart faces the house. It is important so that the garbage being dumped does not get on the handle.
- Make sure that the garbage carts do not block mailboxes, give enough room for your mail carrier to deliver your mail.
- Brown Bags will be picked up the same day as garbage and recycle pickup. Leaf Vac pickup will also be same day as garbage pickup, however we urge residents to use brown bags instead of relying on the Leaf Vac.
- Special pickups/large item pickups will be set for Friday; we are asking residents to call the Solid Waste Dept. @ 962-8087 for scheduling. A fee up to \$15 will be added to the following month's water/sewer bill. Large item materials can be brought to the City dump

free of charge during normal business hours 8am-12 & 1 - 4pm (One load per day)

• On all holidays falling on the first four days of the work week (Monday thru Thursday), we will be off on that day and resume pickup the following day. All pickups falling on or after the holiday that week will be delayed one day. If a holiday falls on a Monday all scheduled days will be bumped up a day. If a holiday falls on a Friday, Friday's stops will be collected one day later, on Saturday. All other stops will be collected as scheduled.

Extra carts are available for an additional \$4 a month. Any resident needing an extra garbage or recycle cart will need to contact the Solid Waste Dept. @ 962-8087 please give a 7 day notice

To clarify, some residents that might have received the wrong day, by accident, when they received their welcome packet.

The City is divided into four districts for garbage pickups. The Districts are as follows:

Monday – County line Rd. to Ripley (including Ripley)

Tuesday – Ripley (not including Ripley) to Grand Blvd. (including Grand Blvd)

Wednesday – Grand Blvd. (not including Grand) to Clay St. (including Clay St.)

Thursday – Clay St. (not including Clay St.) to 37th Ave.

Friday – Special pickups

Holiday scheduled pickups – All observed holidays are followed by "Holiday Cleanout Weeks." "Cleanout Weeks" mean that you may place out extra trash on your designated day during "cleanout week" – at no charge. Extra trash should be placed at least 3' away from your trash toter. Please visit www.lakestation-in.gov for the holiday schedule.

Sincerely,

Mayor Keith Soderquist